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Dear Sam:

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As you know, we have had our General Counsel working for some time on [redacted] emergency trip, trying to find some legal way to [redacted] bear the cost.

As the matter has finally turned out, there just doesn't seem to be any way, and General Counsel's opinion indicates that should [redacted] pay the cost, it will act in direct contradiction to firm policy and established law.

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The equitable considerations in this sort of thing are the ones that appear important to me, and even though these were examined for every possibility for legal justification, there just doesn't seem to be anything we can do.

This matter appeared so important that I have, of course, had it go [redacted]—who said he couldn't approve. The overriding restriction was the following opinion by General Counsel:

"The broad authorities granted us are limited to payments necessary to carry out our official function and would not extend to authorization of what technically would be a gratuity to an employee."

Naturally, you will receive through regular channels formal advice about this, but I did want to write you and tell you that it has been looked at from every possible angle.

With very best personal regards,

Sincerely,

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